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INTERESTING TO MANY BOYS

There is No Present That Will Be So Dear to Heart of Youth as Pen of Bantam Chickens.

Whenever you see a pen of bantams shown you always hear a number of people voicing their wonder as to the utility of these small birds. Strictly speaking they are of no real use. The birds are altogether too small to be raised for the table, though they are far more tender than their larger relatives. The bantams are smaller than ever the eggs of a Leghorn pullet and it takes about three of them to equal two ordinary eggs. Nevertheless the bantams occupy a place in the chicken world that is far more important than most people think.

They are bred for two reasons, for breeding purposes and for pets. In the former they are bred to sell for



Seabright Bantam.

pets and so it all amounts to the same thing. As pets for children or for people who have no desire to raise chickens for practical purposes, the bantams have no superior. There is no present that will be so dear to the heart of a boy or as useful to him as a pen of bantams. Without anything to interest him at home outside of the inanimate objects of the play room, there are few boys, especially in the cities, who are not roaming around on the streets. In a pen of bantams a boy has an interest which keeps him home and keeps him busy.

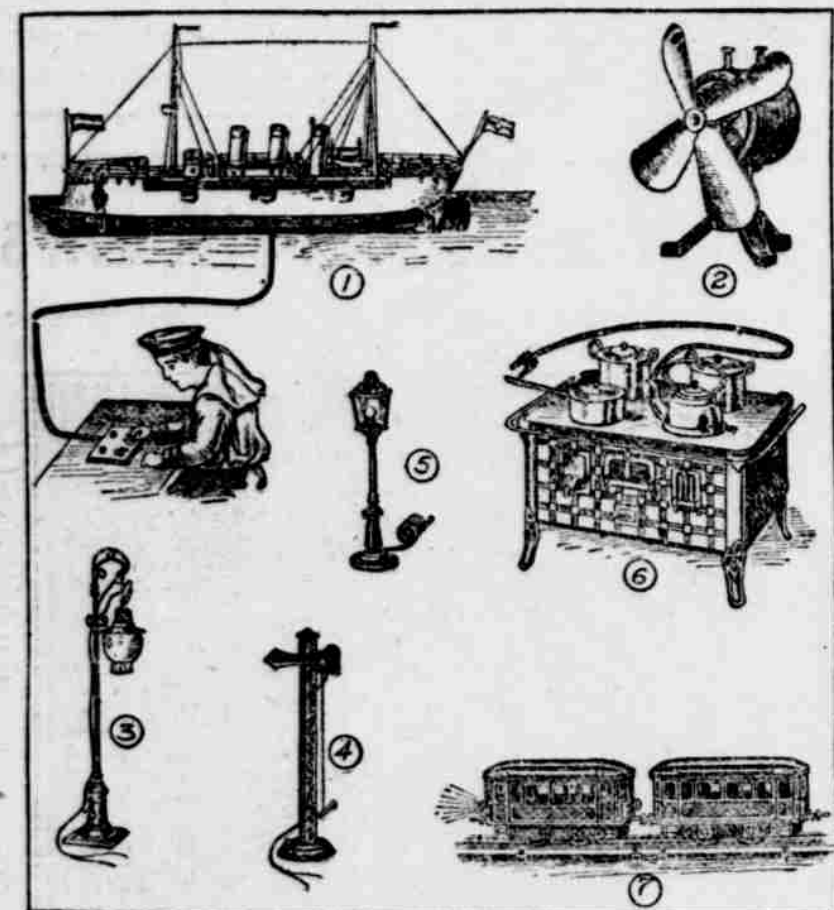
ELECTRIC TOYS THAT AMAZE

Few Examples of Playthings That Will Open Eyes of Boys—Girls Also Remembered.

Some of the electrical toys now on the market are actual wonders—working models in reality of the big electrical equipments seen all about us, says the Popular Electricity. Here are a few examples which will prove to be eye-openers to a great many boys who are not in a position to visit the large electrical supply stores where such things are on exhibition:

For instance, there is a little steamship (1) complete in all its outward details, which is driven by a battery and motor concealed in its hull. It may be started, stopped or reversed from a small switchboard through a waterproof connecting cable.

Then there is a small fan (2) which is not a mere toy, but which will give



Electrical Toys That Are Wonders.

a good stiff breeze. It is actuated by a substantial motor suitable for other purposes.

Street lamps with real lights (3) and (5) operate from a battery.

Complete electrically operated street cars (7), with electric headlight and any desired amount of track are obtainable, and if desired, this track may be protected by electric block signals (4).

The girls have also been remembered, and one of the things which interests them most is a complete electric range with cooking utensils which operates from the lighting circuit, and which is capable of doing real cooking.

THE CROW AND THE PITCHER.



The crow has been flying and flying all day long. He is looking for water to drink. "If I could only get some water," he says. He flies first one way, then another way. But he cannot find any. O, there is a pitcher! There is water in it! But it is far down in the pitcher. He puts his head in as far as he can. But he cannot get a drink. "If I could only get a drink," he says. See him try. But he cannot get it over. "I must have a drink," he says. "How can I get it?" There are some small white stones! Look! He picked up one. He drops it into the pitcher. Watch him pick up one after another. He drops them all into the pitcher. The water rises higher and higher. Now the crow can get a drink. "Caw, caw, caw," says the wise old crow. "Where there's a will there's a way."

CLEVER TRICK WITH FIGURES

Enjoyable Delusion May Be Sprung by Boys and Girls on Their Friends—Result Always Six.

Boys and girls who are fond of springing tricks upon their friends will enjoy the following one:

Ask some one to choose any number on the clock and add it to the number directly opposite. This is to be done to himself, not out loud. Then tell him to imagine that these two numbers are joined by a line and that another line is drawn at right angles to the first line, so that a cross is formed.

Tell the person to add together the four numbers at the ends of this



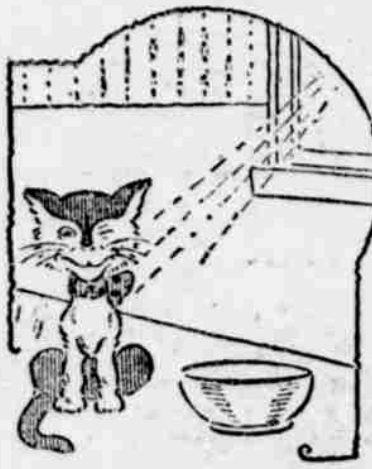
Trick With Figures.

and line; then to find the difference between the sum and the sum of the first two numbers. Then announce that you can tell the result. No matter what figure on the clock face has been first chosen, if the addition is correct, the result will be six. Try it.

London Slang.

If some London slang has a short life, the street sayings current for a time pass away even more quickly. Most of these, such as "Has your

PUSSY PLUMPKIN.



Little Pussy Plumkin, sitting in the sun. Little Pussy Plumkin's Too tried to frisk and run.

Pussy's had her dinner. An AWFUL lot for her! And so she sits a-sunning—Don't you look her 'gentle purr'?

BUTTERFLY IS TRANSPARENT

Prof. Beebe Describes Insect Through Whose Outstretched Wings Objects Are Clearly Seen.

In "Our Search for a Wilderness," William Beebe of the New York Zoological park, describes his first sight of the transparent butterfly—*Hoera plera*—of British Guiana, an insect through whose outstretched wings any substance on which it rests can be clearly seen.

"As we crossed a swirling creek on the trunk of a mighty fallen tree, something fluttered ahead," he writes. "We could not see what it was. Closer we came, and still the object remained indistinct; we seemed to see a butterfly, and yet that appeared impossible. At last we marked it down on a fern frond, and crept up until our eyes were within two feet of it. Nothing was visible but the graceful lace-work of the frond, until a slanting beam of sunlight struck it, and there, close before us, was a butterfly that spread fully three inches, but was wholly transparent, save for three tiny spots of azure near the margin of each hind wing.

"As we looked, it drifted to a double-headed flower of scarlet, and when it alighted, the scarlet of the flower and the green of the leaf were as distinct as if seen through thin mica, and the faint gray haze of the insect's wings was marked only by the three tiny spots.

AMUSING FOUR-HANDED GAME

Can Be Played With Partners or All Can Play Alone—Board Contains 100 Squares.

To make possible a four-handed game of checkers, two playing partners, or all playing their own game,



Four-Handed Checkerboard.

the board shown in the illustration has been constructed in France. The game is played with either 20, 30, 50 or 80 men, and the squares are in four different colors which divide the board diagonally into four triangles. It is well to note that the ordinary French checkerboard contains one hundred squares instead of the 64 of the American board.

YOUNG BEAVER'S DAY'S WORK

Industrious Little Animal in Regent's Park Gardens, London, Fells Tree Two Feet Thick.

A young beaver in Regent's Park Gardens, London, was once placed at work upon a tree twelve feet long and two feet six inches thick, just as the town clock sounded the hour of noon. The beaver began by barking the tree a foot above the ground.

That done he attacked the wood. He worked hard, alternating his labor with dips in his bathing pond. He labored and labored alternately until four o'clock in the afternoon, when he ate his supper of bread and carrots and peddled about in his pond until 5:30 o'clock.

Ten minutes later, when only one inch of the tree's diameter remained intact, he bore upon his work and the tree fell. Before it fell the beaver ran as men run when they have fired a blast. Then as the tree lay on the ground, he portioned it out mentally, and again began to gnaw.

He worked at intervals all night, cut the log into three parts, rolled two of the portions into the water and reserved the other third for his permanent shelter.

How She Caught It.

A little four-year-old went to Sunday school for the first time and heard the children singing: "Once I was blind but now I can see." That afternoon her sister heard her sing: "One side was blind, but now it can see."

Patient Fishermen.

"What, giving up already, my boy?" said a gentleman to a youthful angler. "You must bring a little more patience with you another time." "I brought enough patience with me, mister, but I didn't bring enough worms."

NEWS for the YOUNG PEOPLE

TESTING THE OPERA GLASSES

Ingenious Manner of Settling Disputes Among Boys as to the Magnifying Power.

At this time of year, when people go to the theater a good deal, boys often have disputes as to the magnifying power of the grownups' opera glasses. Here is the way they are tested.

Pick out some object with a number of equally distant lines on it, like a brick wall, the slats on a blind, the rungs of a ladder or the clapboards



Testing Opera Glasses.

on a frame house. Hold the glass so that you look through one-half of the glass, as shown in the illustration.

Now close the left eye and get the opera glass focused on your lines. Holding your gaze steady on these lines open your left eye and move the glass until you see the same lines with both eyes at once. With a little practice you will get used to overlapping as if you were not looking through the glass at all.

Count how many spaces you see with your left eye in the single space that you see with the eye that looks



The Eye and Glass.

through the glass and that will be the magnifying power. In the illustration it is four times. Test-eyes can be tested in the same way if held very steady.

READ HUCK FINN UNDER BED

Alabama Man Relates Difficulties He Underwent to Absorb Mark Twain's Well Known Book.

Crawford T. Ruff of this city had no experience while reading "Mark Twain's famous 'Huckleberry Finn'" which probably was never duplicated by another admirer of Clemens.

"It must have been more than thirty years ago," said Mr. Ruff, in relating the story to a party of friends, according to the Montgomery Advertiser. "When I was a small shaver. Only a limited number of copies of the book appeared with the first edition. Only one book came to the little town where I lived, but it sufficed for the entire populace. The book went the rounds, from neighbor to neighbor, and finally landed in our home. I was so absorbed in the first chapter that I wanted to finish it all before any one else in the family started on it.

"There was an old time bedstead in our home. The bedboard was two or three feet from the window. The covering dropped to the floor on either side, so as to conceal me from view, except from the rear. I would crawl under the bed with Huck Finn, face downward, and with my head near the end of the bed so the light from the window ended me to read. In this way I finished the book before any one else in the house got it."

Count in Their Sleep.

We are so accustomed to doing certain things by force of habit that we hardly ever stop to consider what a part it plays in our affairs. For instance: In the larger cities professional fire fighters sleep in the buildings where their fire engines and other appliances are kept. All night long the fire going may be ringing, denoting that blazes have sprung up in other parts of the town, but only one sort of ring warns the firemen that it is their time to be up and doing. Through all the other clannings of the bell they sleep comfortably; yet as soon as the number of rings strike that denotes that a fire is raging in their district the firemen instantly arouse by force of habit. While half asleep they almost leap into their clothes and finally they rush to their regular places on the engine, the hose cart or the hook-and-ladder truck. Often they do not get thoroughly awake till they are in the street and racing toward the fire, but they have done right by force of habit.

One Kind of Garters.

One day last summer little Dottie was watching her mother canning fruit. After the rubber rings had been put on several cans Dottie exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, let me put the garters on the rest of them!"



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